Excel CJA-20 Voucher

Introduction

The District of Idaho has initiated an electronic billing process for court-appointed CJA attorneys using Microsoft Excel. Following are the instructions on using the Excel voucher including some notes on best practices for CJA attorneys.

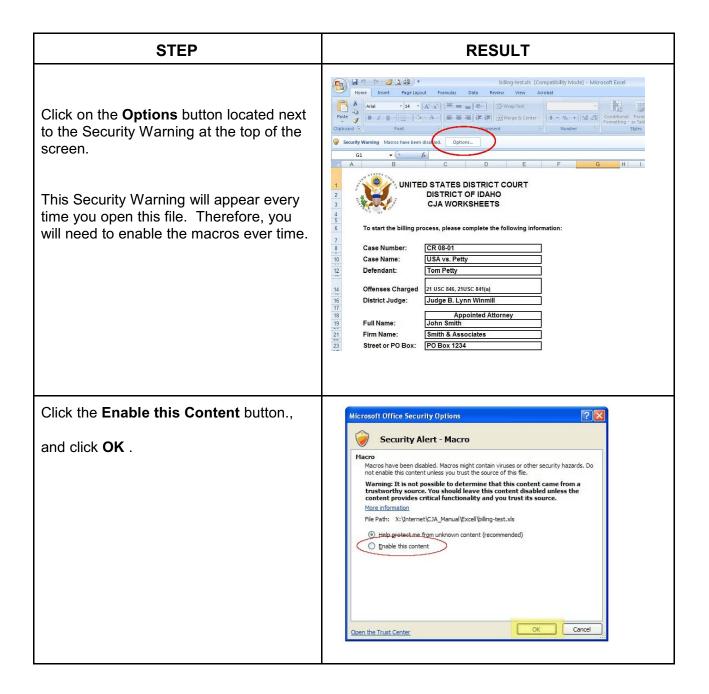
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Microsoft Excel 2007 or earlier version of Excel?

The CJA-20 is compatible with Microsoft Excel 2007 and earlier versions. If you are using Excel 2007, please read the following information regarding enabling macros.

In Excel 2007, the user will be required to "enable" the macros. This will allow the CJA 20 program to calculate and share information between worksheets.



Navigating through the Microsoft Excel CJA-20

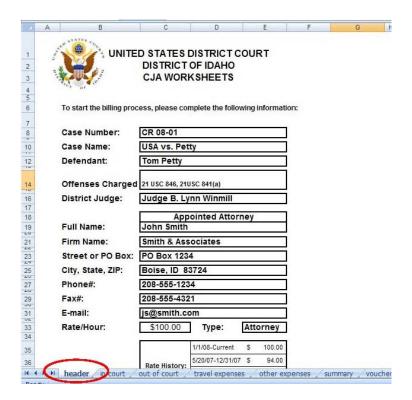
Below are some helpful tips on navigating through Excel and the CJA-20 voucher.

Description	Screen Shot
Worksheets: The CJA-20 Excel voucher is made up of Worksheets. A Worksheet is a separate document within an Excel file and each are labeled. The tabs across the bottom are the Worksheets. To open a worksheet, simply click on a tab.	23 Street or PU Box: PU Box 1234
Worksheet Navigation: You may navigate through the worksheets by using the control bar at the left of the tabs. This will allow you to locate worksheet tabs which may not be visible on your screen.	Offenses Charged 21 USC 846, 21USC 841(a)
First Line within Worksheets: The first time you access a worksheet, make sure you begin your data entry on line #10. The rows may scroll while the column headings remain static. This will allow you to entry many rows of information without losing sight of your column headings. Note: When you exit the file, and return at a later date, Excel will bring you back to the exact worksheet, row & cell where you left off - so make sure your first entry begins on line #10.	CJA 20 Worksheet - In Court Hours Attorney: John Smith 4 Determine: To methy: Count of the cou

Description Screen Shot Red-tagged Comments: In several locations, comments have been added Case No: CR 08-01 Judge: Judge B. Lynn Winm Red-tagged comments which will provide some helpful information in what type of information you would place in those fields. To reveal the comment, move your cursor over the red-tag. Doc Number (CM/ECF) & Pages: On the In-Court and Out-of-Court worksheets, there are a couple categories designed to help you describe your tasks. You only need to insert information into Doc these fields if it better describes the Number activity you are documenting. (CM/ECF) Pages In these fields, you would indicate which CM/ECF document this activity refers to and how many pages were read or received. This assists the court in a reasonableness review of these tasks.

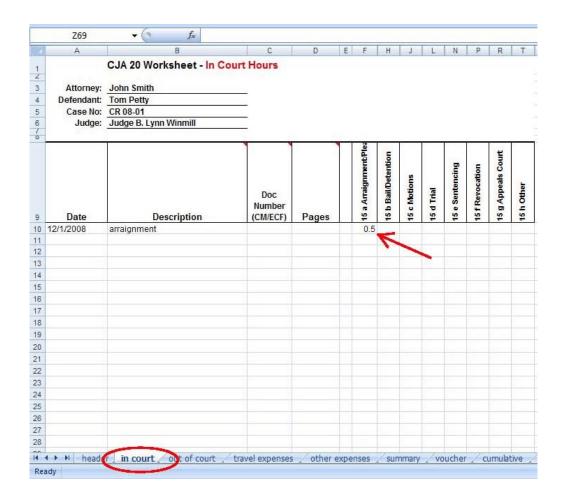
Header Worksheet

The Header Worksheet is the first worksheet in the CJA-20 voucher. This information will be completed by the court before the Excel file is sent to you.



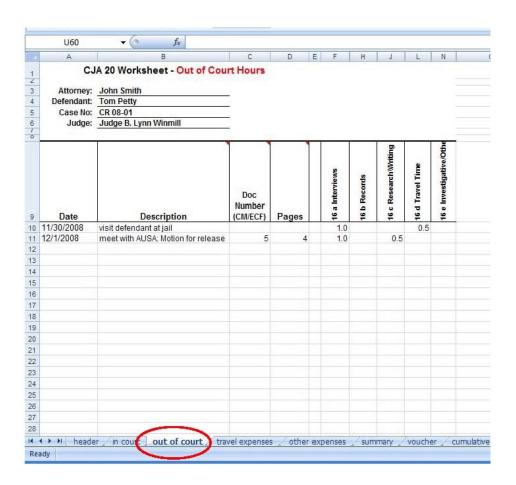
In-Court Worksheet

- · Report time in tenth of an hour.
- Make sure you begin at Row #10
- The time you claim for in-court should be the actual time spent in court and not the time awaiting your matter, or time interviewing your client. All of that time may be claimed, but in the Out-of-Court worksheet.



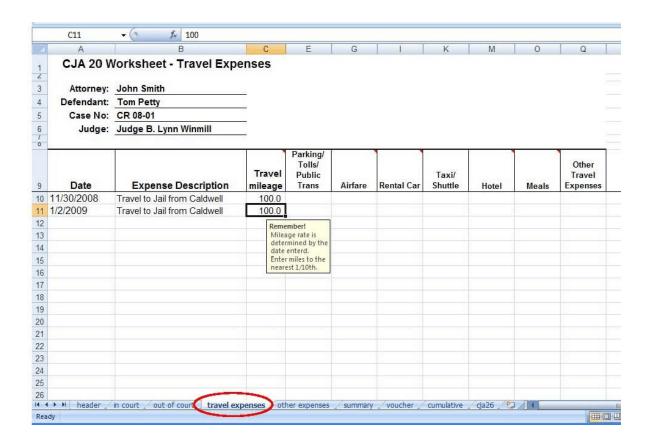
Out-of-Court Worksheet

- Report time in tenth of an hour.
- Make sure you begin at Row #10
- Enter complete and detailed information into the description field.
- Enter time chronologically, with all the time spent in one day on one row, and breaking down the time into their specific tasks.
- You may also use multiple rows it you performed many tasks within one day and it is easier to describe your activities.



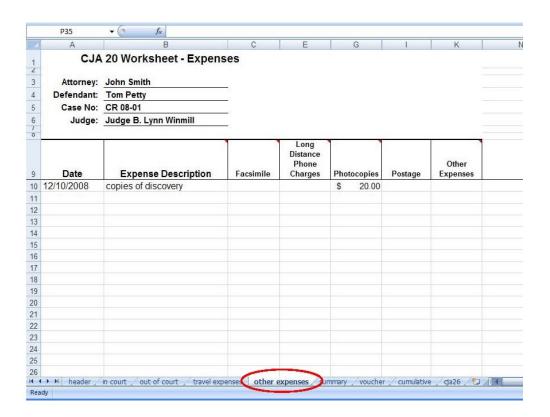
Travel Expense Worksheet

- Make sure you begin at Row #10
- Enter complete and detailed information into the description field.
- Enter mileage in tenths of a mile.
- The Excel program will automatically calculate the exact reimbursement based upon the date of travel and the number of miles driven. The attorney does not need to do those computations.
- Receipts: Scan any receipts for travel expenses in excess of \$25. Submit these receipts in a PDF document along with the Excel CJA-20



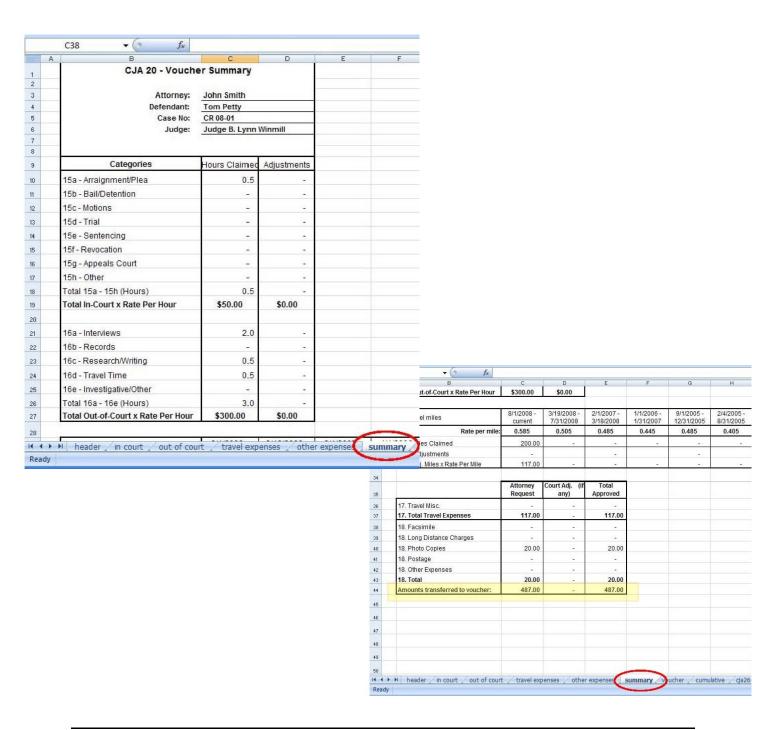
Other Expenses Worksheet

- Make sure you begin at Row #10
- Enter complete and detailed information into the description field.
- **Receipts**: Scan any receipts for other expenses in excess of \$25. Submit these receipts in a PDF document along with the Excel CJA-20.
- Review the red-tagged comments for additional information about what qualifies as an expense under the CJA.



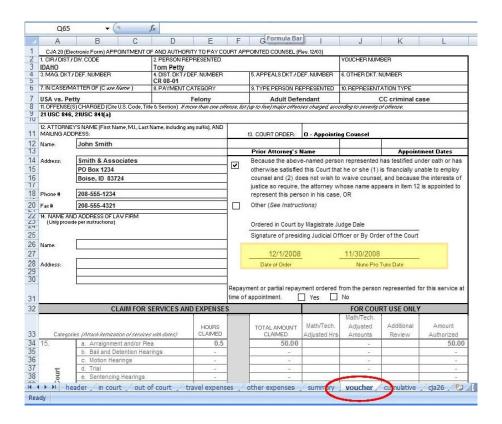
Summary Worksheet

- This worksheet is for information only. The attorney does not need to insert any data on this worksheet.
- In-Court and Out-of-Court time will be reflected at the top of the worksheet. Travel and Other Expenses data appears at the bottom of the worksheet.
- All amounts claimed will be transferred to the CJA20 voucher worksheet.

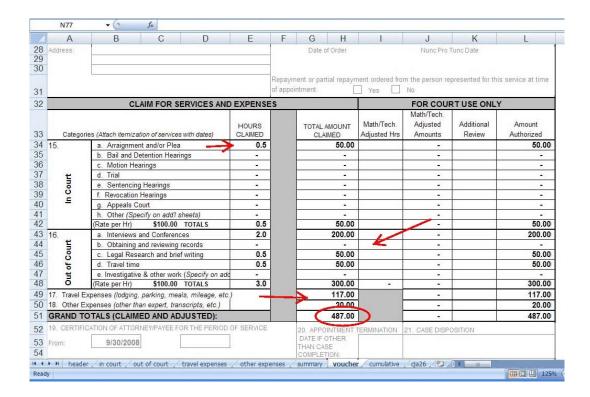


CJA-20 Voucher Worksheet

- All the case information from Header Worksheet is transferred to the CJA-20 voucher. The remainder of the case and appointment information will be completed by the court prior to being sent to the attorney.
- Ensure that all time on worksheets does not begin prior to the nunc pro tunc date.

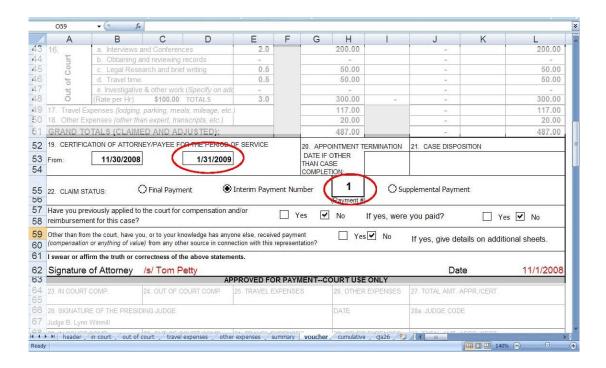


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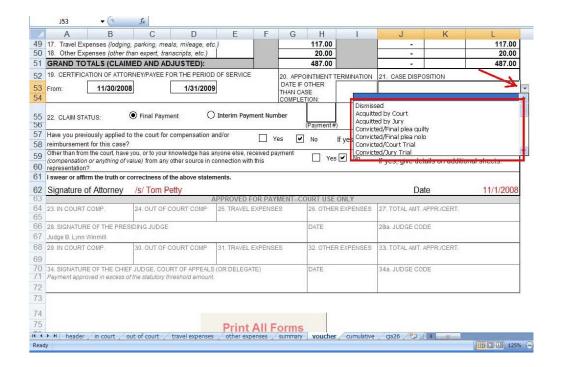
CJA-20 Worksheet - Attorney Certification for Interim Payment

- Must have an ending date in Section #19.
- Must indicate the Interim Payment & which Interim in Section #22.
- Complete the questions regarding previous payments.



CJA-20 Worksheet - Attorney Certification for Final Payment

- Must have an ending date in Section #19.
- Must indicate the case disposition. In Section #21.

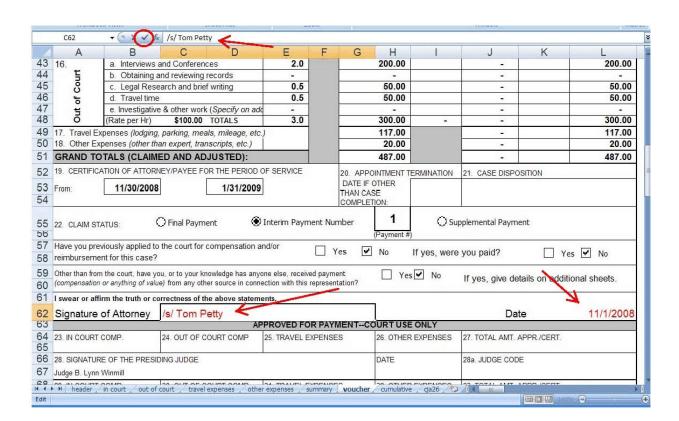


CJA-20 Worksheet - Attorney Signature & Date

- The attorney must sign and date the CJA 20-Voucher before submitted to the court for payment.
- Pursuant to the rules regarding Electronic Case Filing, the attorney's signature may appear as "/s/ attorney name".

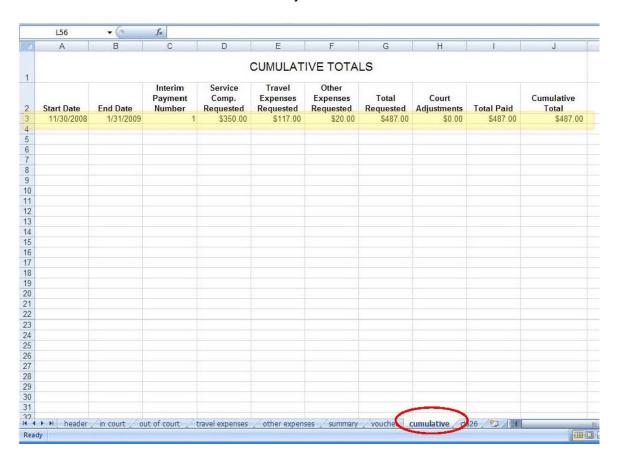
Inserting Signature

- 1. To insert the name and date, Click within the field next to "Signature of Attorney" and then click within the function box at the top of the screen.
- 2. Click the Check Mark icon to accept.
- 3. Repeat for the date information.



Cumulative Worksheet

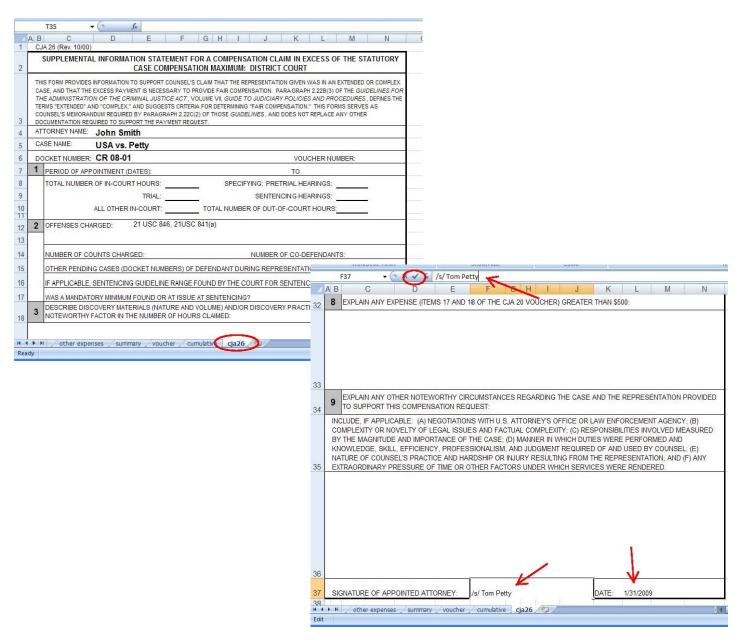
- This worksheet is completed by the court in those cases authorized to submit interim vouchers.
- After each voucher submission, this information will be inserted into the subsequent voucher and returned to the attorney as the new interim.



CJA-26 Worksheet

- The CJA-26 Statement is required on all vouchers that exceed the CJA statutory maximum for that defendant, excluding expenses
- CJA 26 is required on interim vouchers where the case total (located on the Cumulative Worksheet) exceeds the statutory maximum.
- Insert signature & date in same manner as on the CJA-20 Voucher.
- Check the current Statutory Maximums on the Criminal Justice Act website located on the Courts website under Attorney Resources.

 <u>www..id.uscourts.gov</u>



Receipts

- Receipts are required for all expenses in excess of \$25.00
- Scan the receipts into a PDF format, and submit with voucher.

Submitting Voucher to Court

- E-mail the Excel CJA-20 file to CJA@id.uscourts.gov
- Include any PDF files containing the receipts.
- Subject Line: USA vs. _____, CR _____, Final or Interim #____.
- Do not submit interim vouchers less than \$2,000 including expenses.